

## Attachment 1 – Correspondence to industry

Please see the following requests for clarification from industry members. Some of the details have been removed and altered for privacy reasons. DIT wish to provide all industry members with the responses sent to these enquiries:

### Enquiry 1

'Good afternoon DIT,

Page 53 of the Driver's Handbook states:

You must not drive over a painted island however, you may drive on or over a single continuous line surrounding a painted island for up to 50 metres:

- to allow the required room to safely overtake a bicycle rider
- to enter or leave a road
- to enter a turning lane that begins at the end of the painted island.
- park in angle parking on the opposite side of the road.

However, you must give way to any vehicle that is in the turning lane or entering the turning lane from the marked lane or line of traffic immediately to the left of the turning lane.

See below an image where the RED arrow indicates a painted Island.



(Hectorville Road & Glynburn Road Intersection)

Some examiners do not classify it as such and I would like clarification regarding this rule.

I recently had a student utilize the painted part of the road for turning during a VORT and the Authorised Examiner marked it as a 'position' fault. My understanding as a Motor Driving Instructor is that the Road Rules indicate that it is allowed to be driven on up to 50 metres. Unfortunately, I didn't agree with the AE decision, so I asked several other examiners and received various views. One said that "I would put IFI", and others did not seem to know the answer at all. As an MDI I would like to have your advice on this issue. If I am wrong, then I

*am very happy to retrain myself, but I don't want a student to be penalized unnecessarily as this is really painful for me as a teacher.'*

## Response

Thank you for contacting the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) regarding the road rules in relation to painted road islands (also known as painted medians).

The installation of painted median schemes is an initiative of the South Australian Government to improve safety along major thoroughfares, improve traffic management and reduce the risk of rear-end collisions. I have enclosed a DIT information Fact Sheet about painted medians for your information: [https://dit.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/545136/RRM\\_Communications\\_Painted\\_Median\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_April\\_2019.pdf](https://dit.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/545136/RRM_Communications_Painted_Median_Fact_Sheet_April_2019.pdf).

In regards to your query about the road rules with regard to painted islands, please refer to the below from the Australian Road Rules <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/legislation/lz/c/r/australian%20road%20rules/current/2014.205.auth.pdf>:

138—Keeping off a painted island

- (1) A driver must not drive on or over a single continuous line, or 2 parallel continuous lines, along a side of or surrounding a painted island, except as permitted under this rule or rule 139(4):

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- (4) A driver may drive on a dividing strip, or on or over a single continuous line, or 2 parallel continuous lines, along a side of or surrounding a painted island, to avoid an obstruction if—
  - (a) the driver has a clear view of any approaching traffic; and
  - (b) it is necessary and reasonable to drive on the dividing strip or painted island to avoid the obstruction; and
  - (c) the driver can do so safely.
- (2) A driver may drive on or over a single continuous line along the side of or surrounding a painted island for up to 50 metres—
  - (a) to enter or leave the road; or
  - (b) to enter a turning lane that begins immediately after the painted island; or
  - (c) to enter a part of the road of one kind from a part of the road of another kind (for example, moving to or from a service road or emergency stopping lane); or
  - (d) to park in angle parking on the opposite side of the road provided that the driver does not need to perform a U-turn to reach the parking area.
- (3) Subrule (2)(a) does not apply in the case of a painted island—
  - (a) that separates a road that takes vehicles in one direction from another road that takes vehicles in the same direction at a place where the roads merge; or
  - (b) that separates one part of a road from other parts of the road to create a slip lane.

This extract makes it clear that a driver may drive over a painted island for up to 50 metres to enter or leave the road, therefore there is no position or turn fault and it is not an IFI.'

## Enquiry 2

'Dear Sir/Madam

I would like clarification on the interpretation of a continual road and if the same applies in the diagram below in a carpark.

As in a continuing road a signal isn't required does this also apply within a carpark?

See example below:



## Response:

'You asked for:

- clarification on the interpretation of a continual road and if this applies in a carpark as shown in the diagram you supplied; and
- if it is a continuing road and a signal isn't required, does this also apply within a carpark?

The Australian Road Rules (ARR) apply in exactly the same way for both the road and in road related areas. A carpark is a road related area (ARR 11). This means that there is no difference in signal application requirements between the road and the road related area.

The ARR require the driver to use directional signals before changing direction to the left or to the right (ARR 46 and ARR 48 respectively). The ARR also clearly define the instances when a change of direction takes place (ARR 45) as well as prohibit the use of directional indicators in situations that don't meet a definition of a change of direction (ARR 51).

As you pointed out in the diagram provided by you, the blue line of travel simply follows a continuing stretch/roadway in the carpark with a 90-degree bend.

Therefore, when you are driving on a road related area like a carpark and decide the situation you're dealing with is not a turn, but simply a bend in the continuation of the stretch/roadway, it eliminates the need for a signal the same as it would on the road.'